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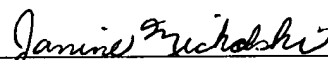
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For: CONTROLLING USAGE OF NETWORK RESOURCES BY A USER
AT THE USER'S ENTRY POINT TO A COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK BASED ON AN IDENTITY OF THE USER
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2003 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.